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JAMES M. COX



James M. Cox, whose likeness appears above, is the standard bearer of the Democracy of today as well as of all precedents. As the campaign advances the assurances of the election of Cox and Roosevelt have been made certain.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM FOR NEW MEXICO.

Sweeping changes in the laws of New Mexico as they affect the conduct of government, elections, taxation of the public lands and the handling of labor questions were recommended in the platform of last state convention.

Among the governmental changes is a demand for the enactment of a law requiring all political parties in the state to select nominees for county offices and delegates to the state and district conventions by primary elections. The convention favored increasing the pay of members of the state legislature to an amount sufficient to pay living costs. It demanded that the state be redistricted for legislative purposes in accordance with current population. The repeal of the present workmen's compensation law and the passage in lieu of a measure isolated after the Ohio law is asked. The platform asks that the demands of labor be met with courtesy, justice and fairness to the workman but with a realization of the paramount interest of the public. An eight-hour day and a minimum wage for women and girls in all industry is favored.

Better Pay For Teachers.

The platform asks the repeal of all tax legislation passed by recent Republican legislatures and a complete revision of the whole taxing system. The main law is particularly condemned. The administration of state lands by a bipartisan board is favored with the recommendation that the remaining public domain be relinquished to the state under proper administration.

The Republican administration is scored for its failure to include the subject of better salaries for teachers in the call for the special session held this spring. The Democrats produced their support to a salary schedule based upon proven efficiency with a minimum of \$1,200 yearly. Higher salaries and qualifications for county school superintendents and free text books in grammar grades of public schools are asked.

Will Fire "Superintendents"

The removal of state institutions and public schools from politics and the passage of a special law to maintain the higher institutions of learning are asked in the platform. The party is pledged in a program of adequate local and financial provision for a strong state department of health and efficient local administration. Efficiency and economy in the administration of public affairs is asked.

To that end the party demands the abolition of all useless offices and that the twenty-two mounted policemen, eight gasoline inspectors and twenty-nine international programs based upon the counties as "superintendents" or "superintending" special attention. The passage of a comprehensive budget system to include all state expenditures is asked. Liberal and effective laws for the care and rehabilitation of disabled veterans are favored as are measures to give aid to blind, lame, home building or vocational training to ex-servicemen and women.

A STIFF-NECKED BAPTIST.

The El Paso Times, in lamenting the defeat of Bailey of Texas and commenting upon the victory of Mr. Neff, calls Neff a "stiff-necked Baptist." The curmudgeon editor of the Times thought he had secured the members of the church of Jesus Christ in Texas. They number 1 in 7—thus the Times can count upon building off two-thirds of its circulation, and rightly so. Here in New Mexico it is not customary to call a man a stiff-necked Baptist, or a stiff-neck of any other denomination. But as a matter of fact, Mr. Neff's defeat of the notorious Bailey who was first exposed by the Hearst newspaper and Everybody's Magazine for his connection with the famous Standard Oil conspiracy in the state of Texas was a blessing, and the fact that his being a "stiff-necked Baptist" enabled him to defeat Bailey is also a blessing, and a few more stiff-necks scattered around where the blatherskites call upon high heaven for relief from oppressing union labor and beg for the good old days of subservient sun-up to sun-down labor will bring future blessings. The Baptist church is an organization for the benefit of Baptists and all union men have an organization for union men, so they can dress their wives and children and go to the Baptist church, or any other church, for their matters.

THE CHANGE COMING.

(The Manufacturer.)

Financial papers state that crude rubber is lowest on record, wool is below pre-war figures and silk is selling at new low prices. Also labor is becoming more plentiful and some sections report that there are again actually looking for and willing to work. This does not indicate the coming of hard times or anything like that but it does indicate a change for the better in the life of the nation. Prices are going to begin to strike a more conservative level due to the fact that efficiency in production is going to increase.

We have had a period of high wages, short hours and decreased production which has depleted our price on the consumer.

We are now going to have a period of good wages, fair hours and increased production which will give the consumer value received for his money.

"HAS SIMPLY GONE MAD."

"When they unobscurely selected a leader of the oligarchy, Senator Lodge, to sound the keynote, McKinley, Lincoln and Roosevelt politicians shook their heads. When at 2:11 in the morning, in a hotel room at Chicago, the senatorial crowd selected one of its number to be the candidate for the party, the rank and file was appalled. But when the money digging campaign started with an organization that swept the country, and reached this every state and county, when open relations with business became an affair of partisan pride, then it became apparent to all that the group which has run away with the affairs of the Republican party after having departed from the idealism of its historic days, has simply gone mad."—Excerpt from candidate Cox's speech at New York.

READY TO FLOT COX.

We will make our statement clear by stating that this sheet is Republican, but we are opposed to the rank methods of certain politicians in the country, such as closed door meetings, imposing candidates on the people, etc., and on top of all that we are more particularly against throned officers. Rubber stamps, soulless phonographs, animated statues and other household ornaments are all right in their place, but not in a public office. We are against this "Let George do it" proposition. If the candidate can't do it, then let George run.—Eugene Herald.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE WEST.

The zinc market has greatly improved in the past few months as far as the statistical position of the metal is concerned. According to an estimate of the Geological Survey stocks of zinc in smelter's hands on June 30 amounted to 7,900 tons. Compared with stocks on hand the first of the year of 36,750 tons, this represents a decline of approximately 7,700 tons and ranged alongside 825 tons, the decrease amounts to those of June 30 of last year of 79,500 per cent.

But with little or no export business, curtailed capacity is welcome and will serve to keep the zinc market in its present healthy condition as regards surplus stocks.

THE TREND OF THE TIMES.

As an illustration proven beyond peradventure as to what Republicans in Albuquerque think of their own Governor Larrabee The Courier quotes:

For Governor: Larrabee 303
Thomas Hughes 303

STATE PLATFORM IS GOOD.

The Democratic platform as the endorsement of USELESS OFFICES and CONSERVATIVE OFFICIALS; COUNTRY SUPERINTENDENTS; MOUNTED POLICE; GASOLINE INSPECTORS.

COMPERS SAYS "VOTE FOR COX."

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To the rank and file the information upon which it may have been based.

"There is no intention to disrupt here from that group which binds the officers individually as well as collectively in serving the great labor movement. But it would be a sad and unforgivable requirement of duty in this emergency were the facts not presented with the utmost freedom and completeness.

"With the workers of America, the right of deciding for which candidate they shall vote. As they vote they will determine to a large degree the welfare and progress of the working people of the republic in the years just ahead."

The senate measures on which Senator Harding was given a "favorable" rating were:

Passage of immigration restriction bill and its passage over the president's veto; war risk insurance; civil rights bill; woman suffrage; motion to increase appropriation for bureau of investigation, department of labor, and his vote on an amendment to the retirement bill prohibiting affiliation of federal employees with organized labor.

How Cox Outdistances Harding.

Among the pernicious "unfavorable" votes cast by Harding upon momentous questions regarding people who work for wages and the overwhelming favorable votes for Cox by Governor Cox of Ohio for the benefit not only of union but non-union labor, the records of both candidates appear below in parallel column.

This data was furnished by an actual non-partisan committee appointed by the American Federation of Labor, and it was so trustworthy that Samuel Compers, head of this, the largest organization of its kind in the world, felt compelled for the first time during his long tenure of office to advise the 6,000,000 organized workmen under his control to VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

Senator Harding Against Workers.

Motion to strike labor charter from League of Nations; motion to extend federal control of railroads for two years; final passage of railroad law, making strikes unlawful; Portland amendment increasing hours of government employees; workmen's compensation act, prohibiting the employers of labor from interfering with political activities of their employees, relating to safety appliances upon railway locomotives and cars; providing for the prevention of occupational disease and providing for the creation of an industrial commission to have supervision over all state departments relating to labor.

Governor Cox For the Workers.

Among the 30 measures the committee listed as those Governor Cox had acted upon "favorably" while governor, were bills providing for an 8-hour day on public works; regulating the hours of employment of women; workmen's compensation act, prohibiting the employers of labor from interfering with political activities of their employees, relating to safety appliances upon railway locomotives and cars; providing for the prevention of occupational disease and providing for the creation of an industrial commission to have supervision over all state departments relating to labor.

WHERE THE U. S. STANDS.

Just where the United States stands in relation to the world is pointed out by the New York Graph News, which suggests the "knuckers" be presented with these facts that America has:

- 6 per cent of the world's population;
- 7 per cent of the world's land;
- 20 per cent of the world's gold;
- 25 per cent of all wheat grown;
- 35 per cent of the world's silver;
- 40 per cent of the world's railroads;
- 40 per cent of the world's steel and iron;
- 52 per cent of the world's coal;
- 60 per cent of all cotton grown;
- 60 per cent of the world's oil;
- 20 per cent of the world's copper;
- 25 per cent of all corn grown;
- 80 per cent of the world's automobiles.

Previous to 1914, we owed England so much money that the annual interest was three hundred million dollars. Now England is paying up 30 million dollars a year interest. Before the war we owed about four billion dollars abroad. Today the net indebtedness of Europe to America is ten billion dollars. America is now the richest nation and the financial center of the world.

Before the war England was the greatest ship-building nation. After 1920, America will have twice as many ships as England.

"For years large contingents have been made to the Republican campaign fund for no purpose except to buy a governmental underhand and to make illegal profits as the result of bribery."—Governor Cox in his speech of acceptance.

POETRY—OUR VERY OWN MAKE.

If all in Columbus would quit knowing
And buckle to business with vim,
Nobody would care of money future
Labor.

Not the other's headlining sin.

Completion of business would change in a day,
"Tom Jones" would never be heard;

Rings of registers would click like in May
And the counting of money deferred.

Opening of the Columbus Port of Entry
Is the one big idea for this town;

There'd be no occasion for even a entry.

For nothing then could keep the town down.

A railroad—steel rails, engines and all.
To Mexico, a land of much wealth.

Carrying things and Mex. both of them goods
Of the man wanting more than his health.

All this and more—for the Bonanza Mine
Is digging down for real ore.

It will enable investors to really mine
Where they had only been eating before.

And when this mine, how to the front,
Begins shipping the goods—Yes, No!

The knacker, the quitter, their heads will hurt,
Twas their last chance to get the dough!

AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

(Continued.)
If I knew you and you knew me,
How little trouble there would be.

We pass each other on the street,
But just come out and let us meet.

At church next Sunday.

Each one intends to do what's fair,
And treat his neighbor on the square.

Why you don't take him by the hand
At church next Sunday.

This world is sure a busy place,
And we must hustle in the race.

For social hours some are not free,
The six week days, but all should be.

At church next Sunday.

We have an interest in our town,
The dear old place must not go down.

We want to push good things along,
And we can help some if we're strong.

At church next Sunday.

Don't knock and kick and stam and slap
At everybody on the map.

But push and pull and boost and beam
And set up all the standing team.

At church next Sunday.

"LIKE ONE OF US," EXIT.

The superintendent of a lunatic asylum was strolling round the grounds a few weeks after his appointment, when one of the inmates came up to him and, touching his hat, exclaimed:

"We all like you better than the last one, sir."

"Thank you," said the new official, pleasantly. "And may I ask why?"

"Well, sir," replied the inmate, "you see, you are more like one of us."

BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

(Friday Harbor Journal.)

Why is it those who have socialist tendencies gravitate toward the so-called "unfavorable" movements? A writer who is familiar with affairs in North Dakota says the cost of state government in that state has increased from \$22,000 a month to \$100,000 under the non-partisan administration. And still there are those who believe that other states should be turned over to this form of government.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING INTERESTING.

Last Wednesday evening the Chamber of Commerce meeting was held at the Khaki Club and many interesting subjects for the good of Columbus were taken up. The speaker was the best yet and was a credit to the chamber. J. G. Williams, and the chief of the service was splendid. Secretary Williams reports 30 members in good standing.

KNOWS HOW TO WRITTE HEADS.

There is one particular newspaper that arrives in the Courier's mail each day. It is the Douglas Daily International. It is a valuable, readable paper, and while undoubtedly able to edit it has one outstanding feature that skips anything west of the Mississippi and that is the head-writer. If Willie Handshaker ever sees a copy of the International there will be a wrangle on that paper hard to replace.

BOTTLE OF OLIVES, WHAT?

Pat—Stoke, why is it you've got a bottle of olives?
Stoke—Give it up.
Pat—Cause of you got out the real come sky.

LABOR DAY PROCLAMATIONS.

MANLY OFFICE.

Columbus, N. M.

A Proclamation by the Mayor.

The first Monday in the month of September of each year has been designated by our government as Labor Day. Therefore, the Governor of New Mexico has issued a proclamation designating that day as Labor Day, and in due season, I do hereby proclaim that day, being Monday, 5th day of September, as Labor Day, and request that the citizens of Columbus observe the day as such and comply as nearly as possible with the proclamation issued by the governor.

J. R. BLAIR, Mayor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

Sanita Pk. New Mexico.

A Proclamation by the Governor.

The first Monday in the month of September of each year has been designated by our laws as "Labor Day." Long before such recognition had been given by law to labor, it already found an honored and respected place in the hearts and minds of the great masses of the people of our country. The benefactors of our race should always find respectful consideration at the hands of the people, and certainly nothing has contributed more to so much to uplift and dignify mankind as labor sustains the world and makes man worthy of himself, and of his Maker. It is, then, fitting and proper that we should devote one day in the year to pay our respectful homage of esteem, of admiration and gratitude to the laborers among us, and to labor itself. As labor has raised us as a nation to an enviable position among the peoples of the earth, it is a happy coincidence that the day fixed by our laws for the purpose of rendering homage to labor falls upon the anniversary of the birth of a man, who contributed largely in securing our national independence, and who, by reason of that noble contribution, has eternally endeared himself in the hearts of every true American. I refer to the immortal Lafayette, who, as we all know, fought side by side with the great Washington, for American independence, until Cornwallis surrendered the sword of despotism into the hands of the soldiers of liberty. Still another incident of great significance to the land of Lafayette and to the civilized world at large was the striking defeat of the tyrant arose upon the banks of the Marne on the 6th day of September, 1914. These circumstances and momentous events all occurring on that day, center in making the coming Labor Day in the United States one of the most solemnly significant and time to be remembered.

In obedience, therefore, to the mandate of our law, I consider it a great privilege to designate, and I do hereby designate the first Monday in the month of September next, being the 5th day of said month as "LABOR DAY."

and do hereby further direct that all public state officers throughout the state be closed on that day; that our flag be raised on all public state buildings, including school houses, all over the state; I respectfully invite the ministers of the Gospel in all the churches in New Mexico to hold special services on that day, as a fitting and deserved honor and tribute to labor, and in remembrance, as well, of the great citizen of France, who so nobly and disinterestedly assisted us materially in securing our national independence; and further, that on that day thankful acknowledgments be given to Almighty God for the successful efforts of the French armies in effectively stopping the onward march of the Germans upon the soil of the country to which we owe a debt of gratitude. I invite the people of our state to devote that day to rest, and to the holding of such public exercises as should

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